

WHATS NEW?

A Synthesis of Interesting Non-Motorized Issues for the Week 3/24/03

This monthly list of issues is taken from a number of email groups, email lists, websites, and other sources. It is designed to give you an overview of various topics being discussed by bicycle and pedestrian professionals across the country and around the world. The information below is brief with websites provided, so you can follow up on the topics that interest you most. If you have any suggestions for improving this summary, please contact WSDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program at 360-705-7258 or Reevesp@wsdot.wa.gov.

Have you seen the new AASHTO Safety Plan website?

<http://www.transportation1.org/SafetyPlan/>

How long is the average bicycle trip?

- The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) monthly Omnibus Survey found an average 33 million adult US residents rode a bicycle an average of 6 days during the 30 days prior to the survey. On average, bicyclists report spending just over an hour per day bicycling on a typical day that they rode. (<http://www.bts.gov/publications/omnistats/v2n6/html/entire.html>)
- 1.8 miles for an average bike ride published in the Executive Summary for the *National Bicycling and Walking Study and Case Studies*. The distance was derived from 1990 NPTS data. You can order case studies from the FHWA at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/nbws-ord.htm>

Looking for sample bicycle parking regulations/ordinances?

http://www.denvergov.org/Bicycle_Program/template2606.asp

Looking for bike safety videos?

<http://www2.ucsc.edu/taps/pdf/bikevideo.pdf>

<http://www.bta4bikes.org/info/video.html>

What is the recommended distance between crosswalks?

ITE "Smart Growth Transportation Guidelines--An ITE Proposed Recommended Practice," and noted on page 44 the following: Table 3: Access characteristics of selected urban transportation facility types
Intersection Spacing: 500 feet *maximum* (emphasis in original)

Looking for ideas for ways to engage children in trail planning?

"CREATING BETTER CITIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH"

Subtitled "A Manual for Participation;" by David Driskell,

<http://www.UNESCO.org/most/guic/guicpubframes.htm>

Outstanding pedestrian bridges...

Austin, Texas:

http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/news/lpbb_default.htm and

<http://www.enhancements.org/MISC/TEguide2002.pdf>

Eastbank Esplanade, Portland, Ore.

<http://www.parks.ci.portland.or.us/Eastbank/esplanade.htm>

Berkeley, I-80 bridge

<http://www.shopinberkeley.com/b/bike-pages/bridge/12-31-2001/>

<http://www.donaldmacdonaldarchitects.com/news.html>

Diamondback bridge, Tucson

http://www.huntercontracting.com/projects_complete.html

London's Millennium pedestrian bridge over the Thames

<http://www.urban75.org/photos/london/lon091.html>

Newcastle's Millennium "Eye"

http://www.pertmaster.com/case_studies/eye.htm

Tips for preventing graffiti?

<http://www.sandiego.gov/graffiti/>

How much light is enough/too much?

<http://international.fhwa.dot.gov/Pdfs/Euroroadlighting.pdf>